

# Pacific Park

## BROOKLYN

### **Quality of Life Meeting Tuesday, January 26, 2021**

\*Due to the COVID-19 public health crisis, restrictions on large gatherings, and social distancing directives this meeting was held virtually.

#### **NOTES**

##### **1. Empire State Development / Atlantic Yards Community Development Corp.**

The 2021 Quality of Life meeting schedule was discussed; the next meeting will be held on March 2, 2021. Details on the next AYCDC meeting will be distributed to the community once available.

There was a total of 26 meeting participants, and representatives from the offices of Congressmember Yvette Clarke, Comptroller Scott Stringer, and Majority Leader Laurie Cumbo were recognized.

There are no updates on Site 5. The condemnation proceedings have been stayed until the litigation between P.C. Richards and Brookfield/FCR is resolved. ESD has not taken any action to commence an environmental review of the developer's idea to transfer bulk from B1 to Site 5.

##### **2. Barclays Center**

Representing the Barclays Center, Mandy Gutman gave an update on the Tsai Foundation's Social Justice Fund. The \$50 million fund was established to help create a more just and inclusive Brooklyn. The Fund's first grant recipients are five black leaders working to address racial disparity issues in Brooklyn.

The Barclays Center has established a new Supplier Diversity program to address the economic impact of the pandemic on minority owned businesses in NYC. The program provides an opportunity for businesses that are at least 51% - minority, women, disabled,

LGBTQ, disabled, or veterans – owned to grow their revenue. Details and program application are available at - [www.barclayscenter.com/supplier-diversity-program/overview/](http://www.barclayscenter.com/supplier-diversity-program/overview/)

During the Nets opening night game, local heroes from various sectors were recognized and a permanent banner was raised in honor of the efforts of all NYC essential workers. The event raised \$2.25 million that will be distributed to local organizations at the forefront of COVID-19 relief efforts. The Barclays Center, in partnership with the Hospital for Special Surgery (HSS) and the Food Bank for NYC, announced a new food pantry at PS 308 in Bedford-Stuyvesant. The pantry will be stocked with non-perishable food items and will offer a nutrition program with resources on healthy snack pairings and suggestions for physical activities.

In honor of Women and Girls in Sports Day, February 3, the Barclays Center in partnership with five local organizations will host an interactive panel and a virtual basketball clinic for Brooklyn girls. Additional information on the Barclays Center's community initiatives are available at – [barclayscenter.com](http://barclayscenter.com) and [BrooklynNets.com](http://BrooklynNets.com).

### **3. Greenland Forest City Partners**

The railyard is at substantial completion and the LIRR's substantial completion notice is pending. As detailed in recent construction alerts, weekend track work is expected to occur during overnight hours in the train yards. This activity is dependent on personnel availability, and weather conditions. The work will be completed over the course of three weekends and notice will be provided in the construction alert.

B4 topped out in December; curtain wall installation has progressed to the 38<sup>th</sup> floor, and interior fit out work continues. Crane removal is expected at the end of February or early March. Notice will be provided to the community once finalized.

At B15, window installation and interior work continues. The School Construction Authority (SCA) will take over the fit-out of the school space after "core & shell" construction is complete. The middle school is expected to be open in time for the 2024 academic year. An SCA representative will be invited to a future Quality of Life meeting to provide more updates as construction nears completion.

Foundation and excavation work continues at B12 and B13. Concrete deliveries will begin in early Spring, and the buildings are expected to be completed in 2023.

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Below is a list of the questions submitted in advance of and during the meeting via the chat feature and email. Applicable responses follow.

## **Questions**

### **Barclays Center**

- What is the funding source for the \$2.25M raised on the Nets' opening night? • How is the food pantry funded? • Under what provisions of state guidelines is the Barclays Center permitted to host invited guests, such as essential workers being honored on opening night? • How many people can they host?

The \$2.25M raised on opening night was donated from various sources. The funding agreement for the pantry will not be shared publicly; an inquiry can be made directly for specific details. There is no information available on the opening night ceremony; sporting events continue at the arena without ticketed audience members.

### **Affordable Housing**

- When are B4, B15, B12, & B13 scheduled to open for residents? • How many months will lease-up take? • What level of affordability is expected? • Any update on plans to complete 2,250 affordable units by May 2025? • In how many towers would those units be distributed?

The first set of residents are expected at B4 in Spring 2022 and by fall of this year at B15. B12 and B13 are still in the foundation and excavation phase, an estimate on expected resident move-in is not available. Details on lease-up duration, AMI bands and lottery information are not yet available, but 30% of the units in all four buildings will be affordable. There are no updates on the 2025 affordable housing obligation. Any changes will be presented to the community accordingly.

### **Construction**

- What is the status of the platform? • When is the first stage expected to start and how long would construction take? • Does the Developer have financing for the platform? • When will construction on B5 begin? • What is the expected date that framing will be topped out at B12/B13? • Are both buildings going up simultaneously? • Can you clarify the details of After-Hours variances stated in the construction alert? • Is the construction alert accurate? • How can residents report possible improper after-hours construction at the Project? • Will the school construction have any impact on residents in B15?

There are no updates on the platform financing, design, construction and timeline to completion. Once available, details will be shared accordingly. Initial permits for B5 have been filed with NYC Department of Buildings, there are no updates on when construction is expected to begin. B12 and B13 are being built simultaneously, the top out date is not yet available, but completion is expected in Spring 2023. The Project sites have been issued extended hours work permits. The crane and lifts operations can start early, but construction activity is not expected during these hours. The permits allow for the promotion of social distancing and spacing out arrival times for the workers. The information provided in the construction alert is accurate. The alerts will be updated to reflect the hour difference in the permits, though no construction activity is expected then. Residents can contact the Developer's Community Liaison Office (CLO) [communityliaison@pacificparkbrooklyn.com](mailto:communityliaison@pacificparkbrooklyn.com) || 866-923-5315|| or the ESD Project Team [AtlanticYards@esd.ny.gov](mailto:AtlanticYards@esd.ny.gov) || 212-803-3736. Fit-out work for the school is not expected to impact B15 residents.

### **Miscellaneous**

- Have there been any changes to the management company at 535 Carlton Avenue?
- Are apprenticeship and internship opportunities tracked?
- Can you give us a hard number for each building?
- Can the Project's MWBE reporting information be posted on a website and tracked in real time?
- Does ESD have a contract with AKRF regarding a Site 5-related environmental study or tech memo?
- Are there any updates on Site 5?

There have been no changes to the management company at 535 Carlton Avenue, and residents' concerns continue to be addressed. Apprenticeship and internship opportunities are not officially tracked at the Project. MWBE reports are tracked by the state but are not posted online publicly. ESD does not have a contract with the AKRF for Site 5 related modifications. No work has commenced on an environmental study or Tech Memo. There are no updates, the Site 5 condemnation proceedings have been stayed.